

Health For All

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CARELESSNESS
During the course of life, people everywhere are subjected to so much suffering, disability, and expense in connection with illnesses of one sort or another that it might seem reasonable to assume that anything contributory to this lamentable state would be avoided with careful and purposeful intent, but the current magnitude of the accident problem leads to a contrary conclusion. By and large, people have not yet given

this source of trouble the serious attention it obviously deserves.
Ironically enough, the environment where the individual generally feels most secure is the worst place of all for accidents. In the United States during 1952, approximately 4.3 million persons were injured and 29,000 killed in home accidents . . . at least 90 per cent of which were probable avoidable. Unbelievable as it seems, it is actually safer to be out of the house.

Accidents are the leading cause of death among children between the ages of 1 and 14, and as many in this age group are killed as die from the combined mortality of the next six leading causes of death—pneumonia, congenital defects, cancer, tuberculosis, leukemia, and heart disease. And a great many more are killed than die of the dreaded polio.

Adults, who usually protect children from disease by every known means, show considerably less concern about the prevention of childhood accidents. As a result, more children die of accidents than from pneumonia, diarrhea, enteritis, measles, diphtheria, meningitis,

poliomyelitis, whooping cough, and scarlet fever all put together. It doesn't make good sense. The grim toll of fatal childhood accidents amounts to more than 12,000 each year and for every accident around the home that kills a child there are four that maim him for life. And for each accidental death, there are 120 disabling injuries or over 1.5 million children who are hurt seriously in accidents each year.

It is the adult's responsibility to prevent childhood accidents. An incomplete understanding of the child's mental and physical limitations, combined with an inability to recognize the extent of the child's inexperience, results in a lack of awareness that paves the way for preventable accidents.

During infancy, the child is usually given what is called complete protection. Even so, newspaper accounts of infant suffocation, falls, drownings, and other accidental deaths show that adults are guilty of neglect even in this period of complete helplessness.

The most dangerous time in a child's life, however, is the first few years after he starts to walk and is busy exploring the world around him. At this time, he should be given 100 per cent protection against major dangers but skillfully exposed to minor ones so that they may be used as teaching experiences. Dr. Harry F. Dietrich, attending physician at the Los Angeles Children's hospital, states that "from the age of three on, education should supplant protection."

This is the time when the child, under supervision, should learn that sharp objects must not be touched, that matches are hot and must be left alone,

RABIES . . .

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cent of human beings will if they are not treated in time.

"Three rabid dogs are something to be concerned about, especially when they have been proven rabid clinically and through the laboratory."

Rabid Dogs

The three dogs which died were as follows:

A terrier owned by Mr. and Mrs. John P. Grieshaber of 4346 West 176th st. The terrier had apparently been bitten by a rabid Hawthorne dog.

A Brindell boxer owned by Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Root of 18013 Ermanita.

And a cross-terrier owned by Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Noble of 18528 Roslin.

Health department officials warned residents, particularly in these areas, to keep their dogs and cats on a leash or isolated in the yard for 120-day observation.

Two Types

There are two types of rabies, dumb and furious.

Dumb rabies is not marked by viciousness as a rule. The lower jaw drops and general paralysis sets in with death resulting in four to seven days.

Furious rabies the animal may seem normal at times and then again seem to avoid noise and light and refuses to eat properly. Later he may become "mad" and bite anything within its path. General paralysis sets in followed by death.

Persons who have been bitten or know of suspicious animals should call the County Health Department at FA. 8-3310 or the South Bay

and that certain substances must not be swallowed. But, at all times, the adult must be ever alert to remove objects or conditions that constitute a real threat to the child's safety.

Literature on home safety will be mailed to anyone who sends a card of request to the Los Angeles county health department, 241 North Figueroa street, Los Angeles 12.

Humane Society at FR. 2-8100 immediately.

Order Issued

As a result of the outbreak of rabies in the Torrance and Compton areas, Marvin Tharondsen, Los Angeles county poundmaster, has ordered the strict enforcement of the leash law.

"Deputies have been instructed to rigidly enforce the ordinance," Tharondsen stated. "All dogs running loose will be im-

pounded or the owners given a court citation."

This order affects all unincorporated territories.

"Residents can cooperate by keeping dogs confined or keep them on a leash in the custody of a competent person. This precaution has been taken for the protection of residents and the safety of the animals," Tharondsen said.

year there have already been 26 cases of rabies in Los Angeles county, which represents as many cases as there were for the whole year of 1954.

Residents in unincorporated areas should report loose dogs to the L.A. County Pound Department by calling LO 7-2293 or TO 2-5849, Tharondsen said.

LAUGH IF YOU ARE WISE.—He further stated that this

NIKE SITE . . .

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and that it would take irreparable property away from the airport.

The city had suggested that the Corps of Engineers use a site north of the airport for the Nike installation, but nothing further was said about this offer.



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rear (in.)	56.8	56.4	56.7	56.7	57.8
Maximum trunk depth (in.)	48.9	48.4	46.0	46.0	55.0
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Dual exhaust	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
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